Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary Oliver LWG-Cropland

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Oliver LWG-Cropland		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:	-	

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will adjust application amounts and/or timing of organic/inorganic fertilizers according to soil test?	
2. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will reduce animal wastes that impact water quality?	
3. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) for improved quality of livestock drinking water? (516, 614, 642, 574)	
4. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will mitigate the potential environmental risk of pest management control measures?	
5. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which will reduce erosion on cropland fields (328, 329, 340, 342, 345, 380, 386, 393, 412, 512, 550, and/or 603)?	
6. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will address saline seeps, recharge areas, and/or saline/sodic soils? (340, 386, 512, 550, 610)	
7. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will reduce the number of tillage operations? (329, 340, 345, 512, 550)	
8. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for the implementation of the organic component of 590-Nutrient Management?	
9. Will the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) to facilitate grazing distribution?	
10. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) that will convert cropland to introduced and/or native herbaceous vegetation? (512, 550)	
Choose only one of the following questions, either 11 or 12.	
11. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance to achieve STIR of less than 9.0? (329)	Yes O or No O
12. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance to achieve a STIR of 9.0 to 30.0? (329)	Yes O or No O
Choose only one of the following questions, either 13 or 14.	
13. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which assists in rotating a single herd through 3-6 pastures?	
14. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice(s) which assists in rotating a single herd through 7 or more pastures?	
Choose only one of the following questions, either 15, 16, or 17.	
15. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice which assists in financial assistance for 356-Dike within 5 miles of Devils Lake or the Red, James or Sheyenne Rivers?	
16. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice which assists in financial assistance for 356-Dike between 5-10 miles of Devils Lake or the Red, James or Sheyenne Rivers?	
17. Does the EQIP application provide financial assistance for a practice which assists in financial assistance for 356-Dike greater than 10 miles of Devils Lake or the Red, James or Sheyenne Rivers?	

Issue Questions	Responses
Pick five of the applicable following local resource criteria:	
1. Does the EQIP application include the renovation of windbreaks and/or the establishment of new windbreaks?	Yes O or No O
2. Does the EQIP application include implementation of practices that will increase plant diversity, health, and vigor or address energy conservation?	
3. Does the EQIP application include implementation of practices that assist in the control of invasive weeds?	Yes O or No O
4. Does the EQIP application include cropping sytem practices that will result in a STIR of less than 9?	Yes O or No O
5. Does the EQIP application provide for cover crops that will be used to improve soil health or soil erosion?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: